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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A combined shuffle board and pool game assembly comprising:
 - a playing surface having a substantially rectangular shape;
 - a plurality of elongated rails removably engageable with said playing surface, said plurality of rails including opposed arcuate end portions for defining a plurality of pockets when engaged with each other;
 - a plurality of elongated bumpers spaced from each other and attached to said plurality of rails and extending along a length and a width of said playing surface, said plurality of elongated bumpers having opposed end portions disposed adjacent said plurality of arcuate end portions respectively;
 - a plurality of annular discs having indicia thereon and being assignable to a player during a game; and
 - at least one elongated member selectively operable by a player and engageable with said plurality of discs for moving same across said playing surface and into said plurality of pockets;
2. (original) The assembly of claim 1, further comprising:
 - said playing surface comprising
 - a plurality of panels removably engageable with each other and
 - disposable between said plurality of rails so that said assembly can be
 - disengaged and transported between select locations, and
 - a plurality of elongated support members positionable below said plurality
 - of panels for maintaining same at stable positions.

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3. (original) The assembly of claim 1, wherein said at least one elongated member comprises:

a substantially arcuate lower end portion including a pair of oppositely spaced guide members connected to said at least one elongated member and for receiving and directing said plurality of discs across said playing surface as desired by a user.

4. (canceled)

5. (original) The assembly of claim 4, wherein said plurality of panels further comprise:

at least one tongue and at least one groove selectively engageable therewith and for maintaining said plurality of panels at a substantially stable position during operating conditions.

6. (original) The assembly of claim 4, wherein select ones of said plurality of panels further comprise:

oppositely spaced side portions including a plurality of grooves formed there along for assisting a player to transport same.

7. (original) The assembly of claim 1, wherein said playing surface is formed from concrete, said playing surface including a plurality of sloped portions disposed within said plurality of pockets for allowing water to drain there from.

8. (currently amended) A combined shuffle board and pool game assembly comprising:

a playing surface having a substantially rectangular shape;
a plurality of elongated rails removably engageable with said playing surface, said plurality of rails including opposed arcuate end portions for defining a plurality of pockets when engaged with each other;

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a plurality of elongated bumpers spaced from each other and attached to said plurality of rails and extending along a length and a width of said playing surface, said plurality of elongated bumpers having opposed end portions disposed adjacent said plurality of arcuate end portions respectively;

a plurality of annular discs having indicia thereon and being assignable to a player during a game;

at least one elongated member selectively operable by a player and engageable with said plurality of discs for moving same across said playing surface and into said plurality of pockets; and

a rack having a substantially triangular shape for grouping together said plurality of discs at a predetermined position of said playing surface;

said playing surface comprising

a plurality of elongated panels removably engageable with each other and disposable between said plurality of rails so that said assembly can be disengaged and transported between select locations, said panel having generally rectangular shapes, and

a plurality of elongated support members positionable below said plurality of panels for maintaining same at stable positions;

wherein said plurality of panels further comprise

at least one tongue and at least one groove selectively engageable therewith and for maintaining said plurality of panels at a substantially stable position during operating conditions.

9. (original) The assembly of claim 8, wherein said at least one elongated member comprises:

a substantially arcuate lower end portion including a pair of oppositely spaced guide members connected to said at least one elongated member and for receiving and directing said plurality of discs across said playing surface as desired by a user.

10. (canceled)

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11. (canceled)

12. (original) The assembly of claim 10, wherein select ones of said plurality of panels further comprise:

oppositely spaced side portions including a plurality of grooves formed there along for assisting a player to transport same.

13. (original) The assembly of claim 8, wherein said playing surface is formed from concrete, said playing surface including a plurality of sloped portions disposed within said plurality of pockets for allowing water to drain there from.

14. (currently amended) A combined shuffle board and pool game assembly comprising:

a playing surface having a substantially rectangular shape;

a plurality of elongated rails removably engageable with said playing surface; said plurality of rails including opposed arcuate end portions for defining a plurality of pockets when engaged with each other;

a plurality of elongated bumpers spaced from each other and attached to said plurality of rails and extending along a length and a width of said playing surface, said plurality of elongated bumpers having opposed end portions disposed adjacent said plurality of arcuate end portions respectively;

a plurality of annular discs having indicia thereon and being assignable to a player during a game;

at least one elongated member selectively operable by a player and engageable with said plurality of discs for moving same across said playing surface and into said plurality of pockets, said at least one elongated member including

a substantially arcuate lower end portion including a pair of oppositely spaced guide members connected to said at least one elongated member and for receiving and directing said plurality of discs across said playing surface as desired by a user, said guide members having substantially annular shapes; and

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a rack having a substantially triangular shape for grouping together said plurality of discs at a predetermined position of said playing surface.

15. (original) The assembly of claim 14, wherein said playing surface comprises:
a plurality of panels removably engageable with each other and disposable between said plurality of rails so that said assembly can be disengaged and transported between select locations; and
a plurality of elongated support members positionable below said plurality of panels for maintaining same at stable positions.

16. (original) The assembly of claim 15, wherein said plurality of panels further comprise:

at least one tongue and at least one groove selectively engageable therewith and for maintaining said plurality panels at a substantially stable position during operating conditions.

17. (original) The assembly of claim 15, wherein select ones of said plurality of panels further comprise:

oppositely spaced side portions including a plurality of grooves formed therealong for assisting a player to transport same.

18. (original) The assembly of claim 14, wherein said playing surface is formed from concrete, said playing surface including a plurality of sloped portions disposed within said plurality of pockets for allowing water to drain there from.